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In re Application of  
Thea E. Lubrecht  
Application No. 09/737,047  
Filed: December 14, 2000  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 21, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. If the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the instant petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 27, 2001, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on November 28, 2001.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the instant petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This application is being forwarded to Patent Publication.

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